

In November 2004, Jeff Fortenberry was elected to the United States House of Representatives to serve Nebraska's First Congressional District.

Jeff has an extensive background in economics and public policy. Prior to serving in Congress, he worked as a publishing industry executive in Lincoln, where he also served on the Lincoln City Council from 1997-2001. In Congress, Jeff serves on the House Foreign Affairs Committee with significant responsibilities for Middle Eastern affairs; the Agriculture Committee where he helped write the House Farm Bill; and the Oversight and Government Reform Committee with a focus on ensuring effective governmental operations. Jeff also has significant personal experience in small business, and early in his career he worked as a policy analyst for the United States Senate Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations. Jeff earned a bachelors degree in economics and two master's degrees, one in public policy. He and his wife Celeste live in Lincoln and have five little girls.

Jeff's work in Congress is rooted in the belief that the strength of our nation depends on the strength of our families and communities. His efforts are focused on five critical areas: strengthening national security and diplomatic engagement; promoting alternative energy and environmental sustainability; increasing small business entrepreneurship and rural vitality; creating patient-centered health care, and upholding family life and culture.